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AUSTRALIA

Grand Prior Saga



Chevalier Royce Pepin and Mrs Joyce Pepin

The Grand Priory of Southern Australia Council has again nominated Chevalier Royce Pepin AM, MBE, GCSJ as the only and preferred candidate for the position of Grand Prior. Royce is a chemist and successful businessman in Melbourne, and has held the position of Chancellor in the Grand Priory for a number of years. On 24 June 2010, the day before the Grand Priory Council meeting in Melbourne, a letter was received from the Grand

Commander advising that “He (Grand Master) does not wish the situation to

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Peter Shilton, Gabrielle Upton, Carmen Maestrelli, Fred Maestrelli, Professor Leslie Campbell, Sister Anthea

Diabetes Centre

Following a tour of the Diabetes Centre new facilities and research laboratory at the Garvan Institute, staff at the centre provided morning tea. The Prior then presented Professor Campbell with a donation of \$10,500.00, funds raised by members and friends at the Parliament House lunch held on 30 April 2010. Professor Campbell and staff were most appreciative at the generous support from the Priory.

Sovereign Council

The Sovereign Council will be held in London from 11 to 15 August 2010.

As the Prior will not be attending, Chevalier Peter Shilton, the Vice Prior will be attending as an observer and provide a report of the proceedings. Some important decisions will need to be made to move the Order towards a more democratic and transparent administration than is currently the case.

New Australian Priory

The Commandery of the Darling Downs on 15 March 2010



was honoured by being elevated to the Priory of the Darling Downs, Grand Priory of Northern Australia, with Chevalier Robert Sellars KCSJ its inaugural Prior. A ceremony of thanksgiving

was held on Sunday 16 May 2010. The Prior and Vice Chancellor represented the NSW Priory. The service was memorable with the procession of members of the Order and the address by the Prelate. The parish provided afternoon tea, speeches of welcome and congratulations were made and the Prior presented Bob Sellars with a commemorative plaque.

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S.A. CHAPTER MEETING

INVESTITURE
The investiture scheduled for 19 June 2010 was postponed due to the recent dispute with Grand Magisterium. It is planned to re-schedule an investiture in October on a date to be determined by the Priory Council.

The SA Priory held its Chapter Meeting on Saturday 12 June 2010, at which our Prior and Vice Chancellor were warmly welcomed. Some 60 members of the Priory attended and held a vigorous discussion on a number of topics. The mem-

bers then elected Chevalier John Jackson KCSJ as the Prior to take charge of the Priory following the retirement of H. E. Bailiff Roger Goldsworthy AO, GCSJ. It is rumoured that partners joined the festivities for a light lunch and ample, good SA wine.

arise again whereby it may be thought that any appointment would be capable of being impugned and accordingly, he intends to refer the question to the Supreme Court for their consideration and ruling.”

At the Grand Priory Council meeting on 25 June 2010, following considerable discussion a motion was put and passed by eight votes in favour, one abstention and one against “ ...this Council requests the Acting Grand Prior and Chancellor to convene a special meeting of the Grand Chapter to consider a proposal for the three Priories to seek affiliation with the Order of St John based in Malta”

The process agreed to is that notice of the meeting will be provided to all members with information on the OSJ Malta so that members are fully informed and

made aware of the implications of a move. Then Priory Chapter meetings will be called for members to express their views before the scheduled Grand Chapter meeting.

The Grand Chapter meeting on 26 June 2010 as you would imagine was a lively affair with the majority of the discussion centring on the dispute with the Grand Magisterium and the Malta issue. Once the blood was mopped from the floor we were able to settle and enjoy a sumptuous light lunch kindly provided by Chevalier Bob Middleton and wife June.

Be on the lookout for more information coming your way over the next few weeks.

Chevalier Peter Wiltshire KCSJ was elected Prior of Victoria on the retirement of H.E. John Robb AM, GCSJ.



Staff of the Diabetes Centre St Vincent's Hospital

PARLIAMENT HOUSE LUNCH

A very successful charity lunch was held on 30 April 2010 to raise funds for the Diabetes Centre at St Vincent's Hospital. Ninety members and guests attended the lunch and auction, which raised \$10,500.00 for the Centre.

Unfortunately due to the size of the room, numbers had to be restricted which meant that over twenty potential guests had to be turned away. Our sincerest apologies to those so effected. The next function planned for 10 September 2010, will not have such problems as it will be held at the NSW Masonic Club, a venue which we have used successfully in the past for the Investiture banquet.

Many people contributed to the success of the event by making donations, bringing along guests and participating in the spirited bidding at the auction. A special thank you to the Hospitaller Peter Shilton, the Vice Chancellor Carmen Maestrelli, Serving Sister Sheryl Way and a friend of the Order Gina Pisani. Let's not forget our singing auctioneer Chevalier Gary Rossetto.

Please plan now for the September function so that it also will be a successful event.

Dame Lady Stevenson DCSJ, MMSJ, was recognised at the investiture held in Brisbane on 25 June 2010 with the award of a Medal of Merit from the Grand Master.

Maggie is a tireless worker for the Order who now lives in Canberra, although a member of the Northern Grand Priory, is very committed to helping the ACT Commandery flourish and was instrumental in its re-establishment. Congratulation from all of us.